

# THE SPIRIT FLED.

Ex-Governor Arthur I. Boreman  
Passes Peacefully Away.

## END OF AN EVENTFUL CAREER.

Death Came Like the Kiss of Sleep, while surrounded by the Members of His Family—West Virginia's First Executive, and a Man who Imparts Luster to the Pages of Her History—Funeral to be Held To-morrow Afternoon.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.  
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., April 19.—This city is plunged into the deepest sorrow over the death of Judge Arthur I. Boreman, which occurred this morning at 9:20 o'clock. The end came peacefully, and he passed away like one going into a sleep. He was conscious nearly till the last, and died surrounded by his wife and four children, two of



them step-children. The cause of his death was a total collapse of the energies. The funeral will occur Tuesday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, from his late residence. Judge Boreman's death creates a vacancy on the bench of this circuit.

Arthur Ingraham Boreman was born in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, July 24, 1823. In his childhood he came to Tyler county, W. Va., where, after receiving a common school education, he engaged in the study of law with his brother and brother-in-law at Middlebourne. He was admitted to the bar in May, 1842. In the November following he commenced the practice of his profession in Parkersburg, Wood county, where he soon attained a high reputation as a jurist and an able lawyer. In 1855 he was elected to the Virginia legislature, and in 1856 to the West Virginia legislature, which, amid the intense excitement of the hour, held an extra session in 1861, to discuss the propriety of seceding, and his efforts against that movement were very conspicuous. During the same year he presided over the convention assembled at Wheeling to reorganize the state government. In October, 1861, he was elected judge of the circuit court, exercising the functions of that office until his unanimous election in 1863 as first governor of the new state. He was re-elected in 1864 and in 1866, and wielded the executive power with a rare conception of the urgent needs of that trying period. In 1863 he declined to be a candidate for the same high office, and was then honored in the legislature by an election to the United States senate, taking his seat March 4, 1869. He served with great efficiency on the committees on manufactures, territories and political disabilities, and during the Forty-third Congress was chairman of the committee on territories, as well as a member of the committee on claims. When his six years' term as senator had ended, the state having become Democratic, he resumed the practice of law in Parkersburg, and soon built up a large and lucrative business. He was elected to the office of judge of the circuit court in 1883, and held that position until his election as governor. This office he was holding at the time of his death.

Ex-Governor Boreman was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. As a lay-delegate, he represented the church at the Virginia conference at the quadrennial session of the general conference in 1883, held in New York city. Judge Boreman was married November 30, 1864, to Mrs. Laurence Bullock, a widow, daughter of the late James T. Bullock, for many years a judge of high repute in the city of Wheeling. His wife and two children, Misses Maud and Lorraine Boreman, survive him.

Rev. Dr. Cyrus S. Bates.  
CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 19.—Rev. Dr. Cyrus S. Bates, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in this city, died this morning of pneumonia. Dr. Bates was born in Geauga county, Ohio, in 1840. At an early age he enlisted in the Union army as a private and won the Union medal for bravery. He received his discharge from the service. At the close of the war he practiced law for six years in Cincinnati. Afterwards he entered the Episcopal ministry. He was a time professor of theology at Gambier seminary, and professor of philosophy at Kenyon College. In 1885 he came to Cleveland as rector of St. Paul's.

Annie Abbott.  
NEW YORK, April 19.—Annie Abbott, L. L. D., Dean of the New York University law school, died at her late residence, 16 East Fifty-first street, this morning, after an illness of about ten weeks.

Annie Abbott was born in Boston, Mass., on December 18, 1831. He was the son of Jacob Abbott and a brother of the late Benjamin Vaughan Abbott, the well known writer on law. Dr. Lyman Abbott, of Brooklyn, and Dr. Edward Abbott, of Cambridge, Mass. He was graduated from the New York University in 1851, and soon after that was admitted to the practice of law, forming a partnership with his brothers, Vaughan and Lyman. In conjunction with the former he began the publication of "Abbott's New York Digest" and "Abbott's Reports." He carried these on alone for a number of years. He was author of a series of books on methods of legal procedure, which have been adopted as standard text books and books for the desk and bench all over the country. In 1889, the New York University conferred upon him the degree

of L. L. D., and in 1891, he was called upon to assume the position of dean of the university law school with the chair of pleading equity and evidence.

HON. JOHN A. HUTCHINSON.  
His Illness Takes a Turn for the Worse, and His Life Despaired Of.

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PARKERSBURG, W. Va., April 19.—Hon. John A. Hutchinson is critically ill with a cancerous trouble, and his physicians have given him up. They say he may live thirty-six hours, and it may be a week, but his brilliant earthly career is near its close. Tonight he was taken to Cincinnati, where he had been in a hospital for treatment up till a week or more ago. He is conscious and his mind is as bright as ever. He shows great nerve and is pluckily fighting what appears to be the inevitable. He thinks he can survive the trip to Cincinnati, but it is doubtful. He is one of the most brilliant lawyers West Virginia ever had.

## WOOD COUNTY REPUBLICANS

Pass McKinley Resolutions—Delegates to the District Convention Unanimous.  
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PARKERSBURG, W. Va., April 19.—The Wood county Republican convention, held here yesterday, to nominate delegates to the state convention at Clarksburg, and the Fourth district delegate convention at Huntington, was well attended and a thoroughly harmonious and enthusiastic gathering. Mr. A. Kendall was made chairman and B. B. Hurler secretary. The district convention delegates were not instructed for any candidate for delegate to St. Louis. The convention passed resolutions declaring McKinley to be its choice for President. Resolutions of regret upon ex-Governor Boreman's illness were also passed.

## FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

Body of a Well Known Huntingdonian Found with a Bullet in His Skull.  
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HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 19.—Late this evening the body of Robert S. Chandler, a merchant, was found dead near a grove just south of here. He left here almost three weeks ago and was supposed to be visiting relatives in Milton. He had quite a sum of money when he left and the probabilities are that he had been murdered fully two weeks ago, as the body was badly decomposed and a bullet penetrated the skull.

Chandler was prominently known in this section and his friends will make a rigid investigation into the facts.

## WEEK IN CONGRESS.

Programme of the Two Houses—Peffer Resolution in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The proceedings in the senate to-morrow probably will open with a contest for right of way between the appropriations committee and the friends of the Peffer resolution for an investigation for the recent bond sales, and upon the result of this will depend largely the line of procedure for the remainder of the week. Senator Pettigrew, who is in charge of the Indian appropriation bill, will make an effort to get the bill up immediately after disposal of the routine business of the morning hour, and if objection is made, will ask that the senate decide by vote whether to proceed with the Indian bill.

Senator Peffer is anxious not to antagonize the appropriation bills, and it is probable that he will make a plea to be given another day or two on the resolution to allow Senator Hill to conclude his speech, and that, failing in this, he will yield upon consideration that the resolution shall be allowed to retain its place as the unfinished business.

## In the House.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The programme for the coming week in the house is very unsettled. Mr. Henderson has given notice that he will call up the bankruptcy bill for consideration Wednesday and Thursday. It seems probable that Mr. Henderson will be crowded out. Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriations committee, is determined to push through the general deficiency bill, and as the powers in control are desirous of an early adjournment they are in full sympathy with his purpose. Mr. Pickler, chairman of the committee on invalid pensions, is very much in earnest in his purpose to bring in the general pension bill and the managers of the house are in sympathy. The chances are therefore against the bankruptcy bill this week. To-morrow is suspension day. Bills of striking and currency, public lands and, possibly, the pensions committee will be brought up.

## For National Arbitration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—The national arbitration conference will hold a two days' session in this city beginning Wednesday. Between three and four hundred written acceptances of the invitations to attend the conference having been received from eminent citizens. They represent in all thirty-eight states. It is expected that ex-Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, will be the permanent president of the conference. Among the speakers of the first day will be Hon. John W. Foster, ex-Washington, ex-secretary of state; B. Angell, of the University of Michigan; Mr. Edward Atkinson, of Massachusetts, and Hon. Carl Schurz.

## A Brutal Murder.

HOLLAND, Mich., April 19.—This afternoon a fisherman discovered the body of a man floating in Black river. The body was securely bound and a strap had been pulled over the head and arms and tied around the waist. A strap was buckled tightly around the head through the mouth and a heavy iron weight had been placed in the sack to sink the body. The skull was fractured and other marks of violence were visible. He was identified as Enoch W. Lawrence, forty-one years old, who was last seen two weeks ago and was reported to have gone north.

## Murdered by Burglars.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 19.—A brutal crime was committed in this city about 1:30 o'clock this morning. Leo Hirth, who owned a grocery and a saloon, was shot through the heart by burglars who had broken into the house. He died almost instantly and the burglars succeeded in making good their escape. The men also tried to kill Hirth's wife.

## Nine Lives Lost.

NEW YORK, April 20.—A special to the Press from New Bedford, Mass., says: Nine Gloucester fishermen were lost off Long Island on Friday night when the fishing schooner J. W. Campbell, of Gloucester, was sunk in a squall.

## Rick in Promise.

MADRID, April 19.—It is announced here that the royal speech to be delivered at the opening of the Cortes will promise political and administrative reforms for Cuba and Porto Rico.

# CUBAN QUESTION

Discussed by President Cleveland and the Spanish.

## THE INDEPENDENCE OF CUBA

Cannot be Entertained by the Madrid Government, and a Suspension of Hostilities Would Not be Tolerated by the Spanish Public—A Cuban Home Rule Bill Contemplated by Spain.

LONDON, April 19.—The Standard's correspondent at Madrid says: "Despite the persistent official denials both from Washington and Madrid, it is now an open secret that both governments have freely discussed their attitude towards each other in the Cuban affair. Spain is aware that President Cleveland wishes to be conciliatory, but that he cannot answer for the control of American opinion if the struggle in Cuba be prolonged to the injury of American commerce.

"Spain, on the other hand, has informed President Cleveland that she is willing to conciliate the sympathies of sensible Americans, but that she cannot entertain a proposal for the independence of Cuba, or even for a suspension of hostilities to negotiate with the rebels, as public opinion would never tolerate such a humiliation.

"Spain has been silently preparing to execute a Cuban home rule bill directly the colonial authorities regarded it advisable to do so. No date has yet been fixed for this, however."

## Insurgents Defeated.

HAVANA, April 19.—Lieutenant Eliota with the battalion of Lazon engaged the insurgents near Cienfuegos in Santa Clara province. The Spaniards took the insurgents' position by a brilliant bayonet charge. The enemy left on the field eighty-six killed and carried off more than 200 wounded.

Colonel Aldea and the battalion of Valencia have fought the insurgents under Lactot and Collazo at the Great Zapata swamp. The insurgent leader, Juan Suarez, was killed.

## THE MATABELE WAR.

Grave Alarm Felt by the Inhabitants of Bulawayo—A Critical Situation.

BULWAYO, Matabeleland, April 19.—So far as the situation is improved here over that of yesterday, it is due to the departure of the enemy, which has been massed to the north of the town for several days and from which an attack has been almost hourly expected. The direction taken by this great body of hostile natives after quitting the positions to the north has not been learned.

The London Daily Telegraph has a dispatch dated Bulawayo, Friday, which says: "The enemy are manoeuvring and constructing laagers to provide for retreat and organized attack less than six miles off. It has been decided that the local forces are too weak to make further attacks upon the Matabele."

"The greatest anxiety is felt for the quick arrival of reinforcements from the south, which will be the only link with the outside world as the natives now hold all the country except Bulawayo, Gwelo and Beilungwe."

"The returns of casualties to the white population thus far show that six have been murdered and that a hundred are missing."

## Royalty at Nice.

NICE, April 19.—The dowager empress Frederick, of Germany, has arrived here for a visit to Queen Victoria, her mother. The dowager empress and the duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha and the emperor and empress of Germany arrived this evening to be present at the wedding of Prince Ernest of Hohenlohe-Langenburg, and Princess Alexandra, the third daughter of the duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, and grand-daughter of Queen Victoria.

## Swift's Comet.

MOUNT HAMILTON, Cal., April 19.—Swift's comet was observed at Lick Observatory last evening. Its position as observed by Professor Huxsey was right ascension three hours thirty-eight minutes and twenty seconds, declination eighteen degrees, north on April 16. It is 8896 Greenwich mean time. The comet is moving north at the rate of two and one-half degrees per day and very strongly westward. It is about as bright as a seventh magnitude star and has a decided condensation in its head and a short tail.

## THE PARKS OPEN.

Great Crowds Attended the Opening of Wheeling and Mozart Parks Yesterday. Improvements at Wheeling Park.

The formal opening for the summer season of Wheeling Park took place yesterday, and was the occasion of one of the largest opening day crowds ever seen at this popular resort, some 2,000 people crowding the afternoon motor. Mozart park, too, was open to the public, but no formal programme was given. The season at the hill top resort will open formally shortly.

The feature of the afternoon at Wheeling Park was the band concert by the Opera House band. The first and second parts were played at the front pavilion and the third on the Casino veranda. The park is being beautified by the park force under the direction of Superintendent Kreiger. A loop of the Elm Grove motor line to run inside the park, having its station near the Casino, will be completed within two weeks. The artificial lake is to be between the new track of the motor line and the roadway leading from the entrance to the Casino. Its size will be 450 feet in length and 150 feet wide, with a depth ranging from three to twelve feet. At one end it will be very shallow with a gravelled shore where the boys and girls will be in their glory. New tennis and croquet grounds are to be laid out back of the Casino.

This season Miss Georgia Pratt will have charge of the park restaurant. The summer opera season at the park will commence in June.

## PART I.

March—"Victoria".....Rosenberg

Overture—"Jubilee".....Bach

Piece Characteristic—"My Ideal".....Hermann

Waltz—"España".....Waldteufel

## PART II.

Selection—"Der Vogelhaendler".....Zeller

Mazurka de Concert—"The Trout".....Ellenberg

"The Dance of the Goblins".....Recker-Loraine

Polka—"Wuerzburger Hofbraeu".....Lueders

## PART III.

March—"Handel".....Hosey

Overture—"Rustic".....Weissenborn

Paraphrase on "The Spinning Maiden".....Nehi

Waltz—"Robin Hood".....Gavotte

"The Dawn of Love".....Sabathini

Galop—"Furor".....Tobani

## A PLEA FOR AID.

The Address of Rev. Francesco Rostan, of Italy, at the First Presbyterian Church Last Night.

Last night at the First Presbyterian church the Rev. Francesco Rostan, delegate of the Waldensian church of Italy to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of this country, delivered an address to a large congregation in which he gave an interesting account of that ancient and much persecuted church, and made an appeal for aid for the conduct of the mission work of the church. Rev. Rostan is a comparatively young man, tall and fine looking, showing his Italian birth in his dark complexion and his speech. He impresses his hearers as being a very earnest man.

Several months ago, said the Rev. Rostan, the board of missions of the Waldensian church, delivered me to visit this country to enlist your sympathy in behalf of our missionary work in Italy, Sardinia, and Sicily. I have also been sent to give you some information about my people. If I know the Presbyterian people well, and I think I do, I know they are in sympathy with us in Italy. The Waldensian church was never united to the church of Rome; it existed four centuries before the Reformation, and as a moderator of the United Presbyterian general assembly in the United States once told me it is the only church that never needed reformation. It was in this church that Protestantism existed before the Reformation. The Waldensian church was subjected for years to the fiercest and most bitter persecution, and in 1888 were driven out of Italy to Switzerland, where the people remained for three years. It was only in February, 1888, that they were allowed to enjoy the same liberty as you have in America. Now we are allowed to go from place to place and spread the gospel. It was only a few years ago that it was impossible to do mission work in Italy. Not longer than 1870 there were no evangelical churches in Italy except those outside the walls of Rome. Now there are fourteen or fifteen within the city. In 1856 the church was persecuted in Florence. But while we enjoy liberty we are not yet free from persecution. If a person joins our church he loses a considerable amount of money, except the part of candidates who are defeated by a close margin. The close contests outside of the circuit court clerkship, were the race for county commissioner in Triadelphia, and for the same office in Centre. In the latter district, Mr. Charles Menkemeller, was defeated by a plurality of four votes. He said that he would not contest Voellinger's plurality. Nothing was known of the intentions of ex-Commissioner James Baird, who was defeated by D. M. Thornburg, in Triadelphia, by twelve plurality.

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## IF WHITE REMAINS IN THE LEAD

He will Enter Notice of Contest with the County Committee—His Reasons for Taking this Action—County Commissioner Menkemeller will Accept Defeat Without a Murmur—The Bicycle Courier Service in Saturday's Primaries.

The Democrats will have a little post-primaries scrap in their camp. Major Walton has decided to contest the nomination of John A. White, for the circuit court clerkship.

Last night an Intelligencer man called on Major John Walton, who was defeated in Saturday's Democratic primaries for clerk of the circuit court, and asked whether he had decided to go into a contest.

"Yes, sir," remarked Major Walton. "I was defeated by too small a plurality not to make every effort possible to secure the nomination. I shall await the official count by the Democratic county committee, and if that shows that Mr. White is still in the lead, I shall enter notice of contest with the committee and demand a re-count of all the votes cast for clerk of the circuit court. I feel confident that there is something irregular—nothing dishonest though—in Clay district, which I carried by thirty-five plurality. I am sure that a re-count will show that I carried that district by about one hundred plurality. If the official count should give me a slight lead, I should not be surprised to see Mr. White ask for a re-count."

Chairman R. S. Kincheloe, of the county committee, when seen at his home on the Island last night, said that he had as yet received no notices of contest from any of the candidates who were defeated by a close margin. The close contests outside of the circuit court clerkship, were the race for county commissioner in Triadelphia, and for the same office in Centre. In the latter district, Mr. Charles Menkemeller, was defeated by a plurality of four votes. He said that he would not contest Voellinger's plurality. Nothing was known of the intentions of ex-Commissioner James Baird, who was defeated by D. M. Thornburg, in Triadelphia, by twelve plurality.

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same election he was elected to the city council, from the First ward, and, as was re-elected to the same position for several years. He was afterwards elected county commissioner for Washington district, and served for years in that capacity, filling the position to the satisfaction of the majority of the people. In 1861, when President Lincoln called for 75,000 troops, George W. Robinson left a lucrative business and was one of the first to answer his country's call, which made him a traitor to his state, he considering his allegiance to the United States greater than he owed his state, and thinks so still.

He organized a company of Wheeling and Pittsburgh glass house men and was elected captain, and was mustered into the United States army as Captain of Company "K," First Virginia Volunteer Infantry, three months later, and served his time out and was offered promotion, but could not accept on account of disabilities received while in the army, said disabilities continuing to this day and will continue as long as he lives. He furnished a company that went out on the Worthington raid and paid them himself, and was afterwards reimbursed by the state. He has been a faithful Republican and has given of his money and time for the benefit of the party, both in city, county, state and national campaigns. He has done the bulk of the work for the county committee for Madison district for the last eight years. He has all the qualifications required for all the offices of clerk of the circuit court of Ohio county.

C. D. Thompson, candidate for clerk of the circuit court, better known as Neal, was born in the Eighth ward of this city, May 5, 1861. He attended the public schools until he was thirteen years of age, when he went to work at Hobbs' glass works. He remained there for three years, after which he engaged as clerk in McFain's drug store. After serving for three years he gave up his position on account of the business not agreeing with him. He then secured employment at the La Belle iron works, remaining in their employ for nearly twelve years, during which time he took an active interest in the cause of labor, having served one term as trustee and three terms as vice president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers.

In politics he has always been a Republican, taking an active interest in the success of the party. He was a member of the county executive committee for four years from Ritchie district, and two years as a member of the city committee from the Eighth ward. He held the position of treasurer for the city committee for two years. In 1880 he received the nomination for the house of delegates from Ohio county, while the county was largely Democratic. He came within sixty-one votes of being elected.

He was elected from the First congressional district to the Republican national convention held at Chicago that nominated James G. Blaine for President. Without solicitation on the part of Mr. Thompson, he was placed on the committee of one from each state to go to Maine and officially notify Mr. Blaine of his nomination. In 1887 the Republicans having secured control of council, they elected him clerk of the municipal court of the city for a term of four years. After serving for twenty-three months he was again elected, secured control of council, abolished the old court and created the mayor's court, making the assistant city clerk clerk of the court and throwing Mr. Thompson out of the office, having served less than one-half of his term. All books